

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development): The point is this. The urgency is not so great as to necessitate a heavy expenditure in this matter and it was found difficult to get proper appliances and therefore Government thought that it is desirable to postpone it.

Mr. M. K. Raja (Mulakunnathukavu): I accept that. Can the Hon'ble Minister give us an assurance that when this scheme is taken up for consideration the services of these trained men will be utilised?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development): Yes.

Mr. M. K. Raja (Mulakunnathukavu): May I have an idea of the nature of the scheme which is referred to here by the Hon'ble Minister as a "scheme contemplated for the improvement of live-stock in the State"?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development): If you want details I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Can the House take it that the improvement of the State is receiving active consideration at the hands of the Hon'ble Minister?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development): Yes. It is receiving.

Mr. M. K. Raja (Mulakunnathukavu): The Hon'ble Minister stated about the heavy expenditure that will have to be incurred. Can you give us an idea of the expenditure?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development): I do not remember the exact figure.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

86. Mr. A. Eachara Menon (Chittur-Tattamangalam): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) how many industrial schools were abolished last year;
- (b) why were they abolished;
- (c) are the Government aware that other Governments are proposing to have more industrial schools as part of their Post-war activities?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):

- (a) Two.
- (b) The strength of these schools was very poor. Moreover, it was thought that it would be more useful to the public if these schools were transferred to the management of co-operative societies and run on factory basis.
- (c) Government are considering the question of post-war educational development including industrial education.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (Chittur-Tattamangalam): Has any transfer been made to the management of the co-operative societies till now?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development): I don't think.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (Chittur-Tattamangalam): When shall we expect it? In answer to (c) it is stated that Government are considering the question of post-war educational development including industrial education.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development): Government are considering the question of transfer.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS OF THE STATE—OPENING OF SHOPS IN VARIOUS CITIES OF INDIA

87. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Oorakam): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) are the Government aware that most of the important Indian States are conducting shops or emporia for the product of their industries in the various big cities of India;
- (b) have the Cochin Government ever considered about the feasibility or advisability of opening such shops or emporia in any city outside the State?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Yes. They have arranged through the Marketing Society to permanently exhibit the industrial products of the State in the Industrial Museum in Madras. The Marketing Society is also arranging to open depots for the sale of the industrial products of the State at Coimbatore and other important towns. Cochin exhibits have also been sent to Kensington exhibition in London where they are being permanently exhibited.